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SUBJECT: PAKHTOON ORGANIZATIONS

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1. YOU ARE ENTIRELY CORRECT. TO REPEAT, PAKHTOON STUDENT FEDERATION (PSF) IS AN INDEPENDENT STUDENT ORGANIZATION OPERATING PRIMARILY IN CAMPUSES IN NWFP. IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, THAT THERE ARE BRANCHES IN BALUCHISTAN WHERE LARGE PAKHTOON POPULATION EXISTS AND EVEN IN SIND AND PUNJAB. LIKE THE BALUCH STUDENT ORGANIZATION (BSO), IT WAS NOT AN ORGAN OF THE NATIONAL AWAMI PARTY BUT HAS A HEAVY REGIONALIST BIAS. IT IS PROBABLY MORE MILITANT THAN THE NAP ON REGIONALIST ISSUES BUT PREFERS NAP TO OTHER POLITICAL PARTIES. WE ARE UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT SOME OFFICERS OF THE PSF ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF THE NAP AND SOME MAY BE MEMBERS OF PAKHTOON ZALME.

2. UNLIKE THE PSF, THE PAKHTOON ZALME (TRANSLATED AS "PAKHTOON YOUTH") IS A WING OF THE NAP PARTY WITH GUARD DUTY ORGANIZED IN ABOUT 1969-1970 TO PROTECT PARTY LEADERS AND PARTY MEETINGS FROM HARRASSMENT. (IT WAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DURING THE 1970 ELECTION CAMPAIGN THAT THE PAKISTAN

PEOPLES PARTY HAD A SIMILAR ORGANIZATION KNOWN AS THE PEOPLE'S GUARD.) THE PAKHTOON ZALME WAS BANNED (ALONG WITH THE BALUCH VARNA--THE ORGANIZATION CREATED BY THE THEN GOVERNOR BUGTI) ON FEBRUARY 19, 1974, UNDER A PAK LAW WHICH PROHIBITED "PRIVATE ARMIES".

3. REF A REFERS TO ISLAMABAD 2851. WE THINK THE CORRECT REFERENCE IS ISLAMABAD 2861 ON THIS SUBJECT. FYI, THE GOSSIP IN PESHAWAR IS THAT ANWAR BADSHAH AND AMJAD ALI (REF B) (IDENTIFIED IN PAK NEWSPAPERS AS PSF MEMBERS) MAY NOT BE STUDENTS AND THEIR POLITICAL AFFILIATION IS IN DOUBT.
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